

Daily Eagle

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THURSDAY MORNING, NOV. 18, 1886.

The city of Ft. Scott tendered Senator Flumb a reception on the occasion of his visit to that city on Monday.

At a recent Hoosier reunion in Kansas the following was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Indiana is a great state, that we will never go back on her, and also that we will never go back to her.

The Kansas City Times gives notice that no man shall go as a delegate from Missouri to the next Democratic national convention who will not vote for Cleveland.

According to the goosebumps the coming winter will be one of the most severe on record. And it may be added that the weather prophets all agree as to the severity of the approaching season. Our own observation is that the winters generally are more cold and in some respects more severe than are our summers.

We don't like to appear impertinent but we sometimes wonder who keeps up and pays the salaries of all the numerous leaders, arbiters, on committees and officers representing the Knights of Labor. These fine-haired gentlemen, and there are scores of them, surely don't give all their time and pay their own expenses.

Oswego Republican: Considerable difference of opinion seems to exist in regard to the practical effects of prohibition in Kansas. Some claim there is as much liquor drunk now as there was when we had saloons. This may be true, though we doubt it, but one thing we do know, there is not so much drunkenness and carousing. During the past fifteen months we have never seen but one drunken man on the streets in Oswego, and he was promptly run in and fined.

When Mr. Henry Waterman returned from his European visit and discovered that his brother-in-law had elected a Republican city clerk, that Carlisle, Nelson, Springer and Belmont are all paralyzed, that Morrison and Hurd are laid on the shelf, and that Randall has charge of the party days, he took up his pen and proceeded to say in his usual vigorous style in the Courier-Journal that "the Democrats have had enough of their kind in this country." Whereupon some one suggested: "The spectacle of the tail wagging the dog is not so very infrequent, but one does not often have the fun of seeing the tail cut the dog off."

The State Ledger, which is the official organ of the great state of Mississippi, is very wasteful in discussing a story that Mrs. Cleveland and Miss Wanda Davis, daughter of Jeff Davis, were on the same train together without meeting. This is what the Ledger says:

The conduct of the president's wife on this occasion would tend to convince the people that she had not visited Belgium because she objected to meeting "the daughter of the confederacy." She need not be so extremely particular, because she would have met a lady not inferior to her birth, education or intelligence. Mrs. Davis is from one of the best families of the country; in fact, from one of the royal families, distinguished for its greatness and high social position. It could have been no coincidence on the part of the president's wife to have met Mrs. Davis. She may yet find her enemies will direct her but she will find her friends for the "suffragist" will be slow to support any one who puts an indignity upon the name of one whom it holds to be above reproach.

THE ALTON SURVEYORS IN KANSAS. The Emporia Globe thinks that the Alton road could be built through that town. It says: "It is stated that as soon as the Alton railroad people found that the Santa Fe would build to Chicago they put engineers into Kansas to look up a route through the state. This route runs between Ottawa and Paola, and is going toward Wichita. By looking at the map it will be seen that Emporia would not be much out of the way of such a route. This matter had better be looked after. Lyon county would certainly extend inducements to have the Alton road built through this way. This would be about the right distance from Kansas City for important repair shops and for the end of a division. With the Pennsylvania line and an important branch of the Missouri Pacific a few miles north of us, it behooves Emporia to be on the lookout for her railroad interests. If we were doing half the railroad work being done by some of the smaller towns no doubt the result would be very satisfactory." Newton crowds and wants the Alton if it builds into Kansas.

PECULIARITIES OF A PAVEMENT. The city fathers of Steubenville, Ohio, concluded to lay a new pavement two years ago, and they just did it one foot below the surface of the street, put in four inches of sand, four inches of gravel, and then set four-inch bricks on edge. Then they covered the top with sand for a time, and now they have the finest pavement in the world. This is on the main street of Steubenville, and after two years' use shows no perceptible wear at all. As to its advantages, it is almost entirely noiseless. Ice doesn't adhere to it in winter time at all. It can be taken up and repaired without any trouble. Horses slip on Belgian blocks and on asphalt, but on this, no matter how fast the weather may be, they will retain a firm footing. There is no objection whatever to be raised against this style of pavement. The merits of it are beauty, durability, noiselessness, cheapness and safety in driving. It possesses every element that a good pavement should have. It is absolutely perfect. —New York Tribune.

The Leavenworth board of trade deplores the "practice of shopping in Kansas City on the part of the wealthy people." Yet Leavenworth people insist on building the other railroad to Kansas City to carry the shoppers who fail to get off on the Missouri Pacific. —Atchison Champion.

Hon. Rodolph Hatfield, of Wichita, member elect of the legislature, is, we understand, a candidate for speaker of the house of representatives. Mr. Hatfield has served in the house and is highly spoken of by the old members as possessing excellent qualifications for the position. —Emporia Republican.

AUGUSTA, KANSAS.

To the Editor of the Eagle:

By my long silence don't think that I am not, nor that the Eagle is not a well-earned visitor.

Augusta still flourishes and gives evidences of life. Our Methodist friends yesterday placed in the belfry of their church a bell, weighing 1,100 pounds, the gift of the energy of a society of young ladies in that church. It is a great need.

A series of religious meetings is now in progress at the Baptist church under the direction of Rev. H. H. Hurlbut. We hear his sermons and labors highly commended all around. Surely Augusta presents solid work for him, and he can knock the shell off of old times in the churches here and soften up the shells on the outsiders, we shall have great reason to rejoice, for we doubt whether the quota required of Solomon would be found here.

Election times being over our leaders are peering about for something to do whereby to earn or win their cigars now that the candidate putteth up no more. We heard a man say that you are off as to your dates in your editorial of today comparing the George movement in New York to the Greely Fiasco in 1868. The sage of Chattanooga was martyred in 1872, wasn't he? We can't afford to let so excellent a daily as the Eagle get wrong on even so small a matter as a date.

Say, tell our good sister Zeke that Zeke will be a part of the best battalions that John Lawless can make in patent churn that she can't prove by the Bible that St. Paul was a bachelor. She must let up on dear old Paul, or he will have to go back on her. Zeke thinks that Sister Zeke must get some more argumentative and satisfactory way of explaining the old saint's admissions to the sisters of his time than by flying at him and calling him an old "bachelor." No, no, sister L., that's not argument. We old bachelors have some rights as well as other folks, among which may be enumerated that of admonishing the sisters. You see, by reason of our having more time, and a more distinguished relationship in which, and from which, to take observations, you see. Come, dear sister, you know "Zeke" with greatest pleasure listened to, and afterwards applauded your lecture here some weeks ago, and considered it as a masterly effort, able, logical, and eloquent, but can't brook, tamely at least, your decision of one of our fraternity, because of that which, (if she be correct even) may have been more of a misfortune than a fault, or even a result of negligence on his part. "Zeke" enjoys Mrs. L.'s writings greatly, but regrets to see her lower her standard, to recede a bachelor. Now don't think for a moment that "Zeke" is going to accept her challenge to that joint discussion. No siree. Occasionally yours, Zeke.

ABAILING TITLES.

With increasing property values there is a noticeable increase in the number of suits brought to assail the validity of titles. Scarcely a month passes in which some property owner who has purchased in good faith is not called upon to pay "blood money" or face a law suit. Trivial technicalities, known grown with years, are raised to beset the title of places of valuable real estate and shrewd lawyers and agents feed the benefits of mistakes or omissions which originally were not considered worth noting.

In the early days, there was undoubtedly much carelessness in the execution of papers relating to real estate transfers and in the execution of deeds and mortgages and the result was a mass of confusion. The commission could have been promptly remedied, were passed over in the haste of speculative enterprise. Acknowledgments were often imperfect, and the names and relations of parties to the instrument carelessly inserted. The statute of limitations has in most cases run out, and the title is now in the hands of the courts, but they will remain as clouds on the titles, and real estate owners by subsequent purchase are frequently willing to pay for their removal.

While courts of equity under our Nebraska rulings can be depended upon to protect legal rights against these real estate black-leggers, the necessity of care in the scrutiny of titles cannot be too strongly urged upon purchasers. A right compliance with the statutes in the drafting and execution of deeds, and the release of liens and mortgages is all important. The idea that any one can draw up a legal instrument involving the transfer of thousands of dollars in general through-out the west where a mere codification of the laws has removed much of the verbiage and red tape which formerly surrounded conveyancing. The very ease of property transfer is its chief danger to purchasers, who too often depend upon men more honest than themselves to draft the papers and pass upon the titles. A mistaken economy and a careless form of haste furnish the capital for the real estate blackleggers. More care on the part of purchasers is the remedy for these blood-suckers who prey their trade with success because they are sharper than their victims.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Chicago Times: A master workman, it seems, is a man who will let nobody work. Atlanta Constitution (Democratic): The policy of free traders seems to be to drive workmen out of the Democratic party. Jersey City Argus: Frankfort divorce bureaus and private detective agencies are about as a pair and should be abolished together, at once, and permanently. Chicago Inter-Ocean: The use, purchase, or possession of dynamite should be conceded only to persons who are licensed by state or municipal authority. The possession of it without license should be made a misdemeanor. St. Louis Globe Democrat (Republican): The next Democratic presidential nominee should be selected from the south. That section of the country has won the right to demand this honor, and every fair-minded northern Democrat will freely concede that the honor can not any longer be consistently withheld.

Philadelphia Times (Independent): The elections of last Tuesday absolutely eliminated free trade from the platforms and purposes of all hopeful political parties in this country for a generation to come. It is no indefinite verdict. It is the solemn judgment of ten millions of American sovereigns proclaiming the death knell of free trade, and it is a trumpet-tongued call to deluded Democratic leaders who have been bewildered by free trade sophistry, to return to the true American policy of Jefferson and Jackson.

They are feeling jubilant at Mound City over a strong pressure of gas, obtained at the depth of something over 200 feet.

SILVER IN KANSAS.

We may trust newspaper reports there are just now some excitement in the vicinity of Caldwell over the supposed discovery of very rich silver deposits. It is said that the one is exceedingly rich, as shown by assays made in Denver and Philadelphia. Now, I have no wish to see this or any other boom crushed simply for the sake of having it crushed, but if money is to be invested there with the hope of remuneration from mining silver, it ought to be known that the chances are infinitely against the success of the enterprise.

Kansas geology is sufficiently understood to make it certain that in but few localities, and these in the southeastern part of the state, has there been that metamorphic action which is accompanied by the deposition of metallic ores. I know nothing of this particular locality in respect to any special geological features, but it is not at all likely that it differs in geological character from the sedimentary deposits usual in that section. The quotation of alleged assays is not sufficient to convince the geologist against such evidence. He must know that the specimens analyzed were really found in the locality in question, and that the results are from a responsible assayer. Eight or ten years ago we heard considerable about the Woodson county silver mines. In this case too, custom-seized reported large quantities of silver. The supposed ore was assayed by the chemist at this college and at the university without a trace of silver being found. But it was published over the country that paying quantities of a rich ore existed there. These chemists to the contrary notwithstanding, it is now known that since anything has been heard of silver in Woodson county, it is due to evidence of metamorphic action is abundant, but it seems to have been due to hot water, and the conditions for the formation of metallic veins did not exist. I venture the prediction that the Caldwell mines will end as did those of Woodson county, and that any labor put upon their development will be just so much labor thrown away. It will be understood that this opinion is not based upon general principles, but on principles that are sufficiently well established, and it cannot be expected that this is an exception to the rule. If silver does exist in that locality, it will be found that there are abrupt and decidedly marked geological changes as the locality is approached. —Prof. Fisk.

THE BOTTOM FACTS.

The Chicago Herald charges that Bob, the Democratic Taylor in Tennessee, is a mean advantage of his brother Alf. He introduced the practice of kissing all the young ladies who attended their meetings, and Alf, being a married man, had to stand back and say nothing. —Wichita Eagle.

It is time this campaign lie was nailed. Bob, though younger in years than his brother Alf, is several years older in married experience, as is plainly indicated by his bald head. Bob first ran for congress in 1882, and one of his most earnest appeals for votes in that race was that his sweetheart had promised him her hand only on condition of his being elected; and although the district is Republican by over 2,000, so powerful was the canvass made under the stimulus of the matrimonial prospect that he won the race and girl by a handsome majority, and the wedding came off shortly afterward. Alf, on the contrary, pluggd along as an old "bachelor" for nearly three years after this before he ventured to make the plunge. The real advantage Bob enjoyed over his brother was in reputation. He had for several years been editor of a newspaper, and his character was consequently above reproach, while Alf, by serving a term or two in the state legislature, had naturally impaired his standing. Had not been for this "little trick," having a much better reputation on the line than Bob, would doubtless have beaten him in spite of his kissing propensities. This information we got from one who is well acquainted with the Taylor family and may be regarded as the bottom fact. —Emporia Republican.

KANSAS SENATE NEWS.

J. R. Campbell, of Abilene, has issued a second volume of poems.

A twelve-inch vein of coal has been discovered at Clifton, at a depth of 125 feet.

The Globe says that the Salvation Army has made forty conversions in Atchison.

Many cattle are dying in Wilson county. Their death is attributed to smut in the corn.

James Barrett, editor and proprietor of the Wichita County Herald, died last week of maralar fever.

The city of Parsons voted bonds to the amount of \$20,000 in aid of the Kansas City and Pacific railroad.

Kansas has more ladies holding the office of county superintendent than any other state in the union.

R. Byrne and James Tidale were found guilty in the district court at Oswego, of larceny, H. A. Tuck.

The Marshall County Fair association has dissolved and sold their grounds at Marysville to Jacob Grauer and Gottlieb Mess for \$4,100.

Belot G. A. R. post has completed arrangements for a course of six lectures during the coming winter, the proceeds to be applied to relief.

KANSAS POLITICAL POINTS.

The coming legislature will be composed of ninety Republicans, twenty-six Democrats, five Independents, and one Anti-Monopolist.

Hawatha World (Dem.) says: The late election demonstrated one thing most emphatically, and that was that the people of this state do not want re-submission.

Dolphos (Ottawa county) Carrier: The recent election has developed the fact that there are about 3,000 "straight Republicans" and 18,000 "kickers" in the Fifth district.

Leavenworth Standard (Dem.): We are very much disappointed in the result, but we never said that Monmouth would be elected. We thought Martin's majority would not be over 20,000, and cannot understand why it was more.

Humboldt Union: Anderson is certainly big enough and has sufficient brains to make a good governor, or even to go into the Kansas senate, but we should like to see him stay in the house. He is needed there to "sail up the animals."

In a clipping from the Hutchinson Interior, published in this paper yesterday there was a sentence which is just to the members of the supreme court. The article suggests that some means be adopted to have the supreme court work over three hours a day. We do not believe that there are any other three men in the state who work more hours than do the justices of the supreme court, unless it be some few newspaper men. There is no mechanic or laboring man who puts in as much time as they do. The work of the court is not behind because of non work by its members, but because the business has so increased that it is simply impossible for them to keep up. It will grow worse and worse every day. The constitutional amendment was not beaten because the people are not willing to sacrifice the facilities for the more prompt disposal of cases, but because they did not believe that the proposed amendment was the best way to do it. —Commonwealth.

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